



**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**[4910-EX-P]**

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

**[Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0009]**

**Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of denials.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its denial of 128 applications from individuals who requested an exemption from the Federal vision standard applicable to interstate truck and bus drivers and the reasons for the denials. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions does not provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal vision standard for a renewable 2-year period if it finds “such an exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved absent such an exemption.” The procedures for requesting an exemption are set forth in 49 CFR part 381.

Accordingly, FMCSA evaluated 128 individual exemption requests on their merit and made a determination that these applicants do not satisfy the criteria eligibility or meet the terms and conditions of the Federal exemption program. Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition on the exemption request. Those decision letters fully outlined the basis for the denial and constitute final Agency action. The list published in this notice summarizes the Agency's recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) by periodically publishing names and reasons for denial.

The following applicant, Brian K. Coffman, did not have sufficient driving experience over the past 3 years under normal highway operating conditions.

The following 15 applicants had no experience operating a CMV:

Bryant L. Balkcom	Augustus H. Brooks	Francis E. Cannon
Isaac Cuautle	Robert Eggleston	Aaron Findley
Gregory J. Hyer	William D. Issacs	David M. Krause
Steven L. Lane	Nicholas A. Lupo	Arthur E. L. Marcotte
Michael McPartland	Randall T. Petersheim	Vincent J. Townsend

The following 31 applicants did not have 3 years of experience driving a CMV on public highways with their vision deficiencies:

Roy N. Aeschliman	Kwabena Apenteng	Wesley A. Barb
Carl Burks	Corey J. Colombo	Gary D. Crauthers
Demarcus Davis	Eric S. Dillon	Glenn D. Ferrell
David L. Fleming	Michael A. Greer	Carey G. Holland
James J. Kunkel	Edward O. Lemke	Brandon J. Michalko
Kenneth E. Morris, Sr.	Moises Perez	Dale V. Petersen
Bryan W. Potratz	Jonathan A. Ramsey, Sr.	Parker R. Roan
Jeff Saylor	Gary S. Seniuk	Robert Simpson
Peter G. Svoboda	Steve Szabo	Jason Watson
Donald J. Wilson	James W. Wise, Jr.	Willie A. Young, Jr.
Abdulkadir M. Yusuf		

The following 12 applicants did not have 3 years of recent experience driving a CMV with the vision deficiency:

Zach Afsher	Walter Benefield	Arthur Doult
Bill A. Drake	Stanfield L. Hunter	John Lucas
Rick Lunceford	Eric K. McCall	Ricky A. Schott
Roy Taylor	C. Pao Thao	Curtis Townsend

The following 2 applicants did not have sufficient driving experience during the past 3 years under normal highway operating conditions:

Jason Muhammad	Otis Wright
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The following 4 applicants had their commercial driver's license suspended during the 3-year review period for moving violations. Applicants do not qualify for an exemption with a suspension during the 3-year period:

Jay F. Brooks	Scott D. Goalder	Tony Gregoire
Steven R. Maddox		

The following applicant, Thomas D. Lane, contributed to an accident in which the applicant was operating a commercial motor vehicle.

The following 2 applicants were unable to obtain a statement from an optometrist or ophthalmologist stating that he was able to operate a commercial vehicle from a vision standpoint:

Steven E. Bumbrey	Robert Davis
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The following 15 applicants were denied for miscellaneous/multiple reasons:

Lucas J. Brickner	Barry Bunker	Carol D. Cuthbertson
Robert L. Dinkins	Charles O. Drummond	David L. Gillion
Dennis E. Groothuis	Jose Guzman	Joshua A. Hernandez
Mehrim Hodzic	Robert P. Kelly	Rick P. Moreno
Timothy Smith	John P. Trebesch	Richard A. Wheeler

The following 21 applicants met the current federal vision standards. Exemptions are not required for applicants who meet the current regulations for vision:

Jorge E. Aldana	Don Amundsen	Warren M. Blakeney
Nathan Boehm	Alexander W. Bryant	James C. Honeycutt
Kerry Kersey	Rommie L. Knight	Rennard Lake
Manual S. Marquez	Jimmy C. Moore, Jr.	Vasyl Myniv
Ronald L. Olberding	Juan A. Perez	Kent E. Riegel
Harry L. Ross	Donnie M. Russell	Kenny R. Taylor
David M. Terry	Timothy W. Trusty	Henry L. Washington, Jr.

The following 19 applicants were denied because they will not be driving interstate, interstate commerce, or not required to carry a DOT medical card:

Marco A. Alvarez	Tomas Benavidez, Jr.	Marlin G. Burley, Jr.
Jerome Carbaugh	Gareth T. Edwards	Richard T. Elijah
John A. Frymark	Marvin F. Guess	Robert Howell, Jr.
Richard S. Huzzard	Vance L. Johnson	Augusto F. Nunez
Juan G. Padilla	Donald Reeves	Christopher M. Reynolds
Randall W. Schroeder	Martin Skovish, Sr.	Terrence M. Thomas
Brian Weiner		

Finally, the following 5 applicants perform transportation for the federal government, state, or any political sub-division of the state.

Johonn Finley	Jeffery O. Galtney	Jimmy D. Renfroe
William C. Riddick	Timothy A. Wright	

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